

amended the drawings accordingly. Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

At Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 22 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection. Nonetheless, in order to further the prosecution of this case, Applicants have cancelled claim 22.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

At Paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 10, 16, 18, and 19 under the second paragraph of § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. Claims 3 and 10 have been amended. Claims 16, 18, and 19 have been cancelled. Applicants believe that the amendments have overcome the Examiner's rejections. It is respectfully asserted that the rejections under the second paragraph of § 112 be withdrawn.

Applicants note that the amendments to the claims made to overcome the Examiner's rejections in Paragraph 5 of the Office Action are not made to overcome art, and so should not be construed in a limiting manner.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

At paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claims 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,825,218 to Colli. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. Nonetheless, in order to further the prosecution of this case,



Applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 19.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above discussion and amendments, Applicants believe that the claims as now amended are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney below at (612) 371-5305.

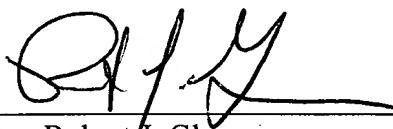
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